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The law says that every person, corporation, partnership or association liable to any tax imposed by this act (the revenue act) or for the collection thereof, shall keep such records as the commissioner of internal revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, may from time to time prescribe.

The treasury department has the power, then, to enforce the keeping of records by anyone liable to pay a tax under the revenue act. Those who are not in that class should keep records because the practice may enable them to get into the class.

The questionnaires made many Americans admit they did not know how much they earned last year or how much they spent on their dependents.

The income tax law is finding men with incomes liable to a tax who can only estimate their year's income. Men who have charge of large funds for other people and who must keep a strict record of such funds, sometimes do not keep a record of their own finances.

The private citizen who keeps no records does not know where he is financially. He may know he has some money in his pocket but cannot tell exact amount without inventory; he may think he has money in the bank but cannot be sure without calling up the bank and asking for his balance. Then he may have some outstanding checks he has forgotten.

The man who draws his salary, puts it in his pockets and keeps on spending until he is broke, will never save; the salary in the lump looks large and after he has spent it, he cannot figure where it went. A record of money received and money spent will tell the individual where to cut down expenses.

Handling your own salary and living within an income is a business that demands attention; if a man goes into the business world and fails to keep an accurate set of books, he fails and no one is surprised save the man himself. If the individual spends money here and there and keeps no record, he is soon without money and no one is surprised, not even the spender himself.

If accurate records are considered necessary for the man with a large income, they should be more necessary for the man with a small income.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

"Political independence and financial independence must go hand in hand, and until the Irish become financially independent literal political independence is impossible." Thus Roland G. Usher, professor of history at Washington University, in a recent lecture in St. Louis, disposed of Home Rule for Ireland. The statement is true enough, but it resolves itself into a vicious circle in the light of the consideration that the Irish believe financial independence will never be achieved until they have obtained political independence.

For more than a century and a half the Irish have fought for Home Rule. Small wonder it is that the idea has become an obsession with them. The concessions of England in the last fifteen years have only added fuel to the flame of their desire, because the patriots see in them an effort to trick the country out of its belated inheritance.

Mr. Usher says a deficit of from ten to fifteen million dollars yearly stands in the way of Ireland's financial independence. Surely that is a small price for England to pay for the removal of so large a thorn from her side. And there is just the faintest possibility that Ireland might make up that deficit if she were able to turn energies now employed in fomenting feeling against old wrongs into more lucrative channels.

LOCAL PATRIOTISM

In these times of intense national patriotism, local needs are in danger of being overlooked.

Knowledge is a prerequisite to remedy. If citizens everywhere would be enough interested to find out at first hand the failings of their own community, the chances for incompetency and gross negligence would be fewer. How many citizens of Columbia have

ever been inside the county or the city jail? How many know the requisites of a good jail so that they would be able to judge the efficiency of the local jails? How many know that good lighting, good ventilation and sufficient separation of prisoners are first steps to prevent repetition of offense? How many know that enforced idleness and evil companionship are the direct cause of further crime?

Missouri ranks low among the states as far as county jails are concerned. There are some which are even worse than the Boone County jail.

It is time that local patriotism as well as national be awakened and that we do not permit human life to be wasted because our indifference does not provide scientific care for prisoners and so prevent economic and social loss to the community.

SHIPBUILDING A LOCAL ISSUE

What about Boone County's quota of men for shipbuilding? From the Navy Department comes the call for 250,000 men that the building of ships may be carried on twenty-four hours a day instead of eight, as it has been heretofore.

The need for ships is the most pressing need of the war. Although, according to Secretary Daniels, we are coming out on top in the fight with the submarine, ships and ever more ships are needed to transport the food, men and ammunition that must be sent to France to win the war.

Boone's share of the 250,000 is 90 men. Carpenters, builders—here is your chance to help in the struggle.

Kansas City, always patriotic, has given up the use of bread to such an extent that empty bread boxes are now being used by whisky houses there in efforts to ship whisky to soldiers at Camp Funston.

"Only eighteen months' supply of whisky in the United States," says a headline. The presidential proclamation seems to be getting at the bottom of the matter.

"Work or be shot" was the warning of the German government to the workers out on strike. Another example of German frightfulness.

THE OPEN COLUMN

Orchestra Concert at Christian.
Editor of the Missouriian: The Christian College orchestra, Robert J. White, conductor, achieved a fine success in its initial program at the college auditorium Friday night. Those who may have attended the concert expecting to be bored by the efforts of the average amateur orchestra were doomed to a pleasant disappointment. The ensemble was in perfect accord, instruments were well in tune, and every player was on the alert to the cues of the conductor. It was a fine example of the excellent results that may be attained in orchestral playing, under careful and thorough leadership, by well trained and attentive students of orchestral instruments.

The young men in the orchestra are students in the University and their assistance on the various wind instruments was indispensable to the success of the orchestra. But, as is proper in orchestral combinations, the string section proved the backbone of the organization. It deserved praise for its precision of attack, unity of bowing, and ensemble. The first violins were in true sympathy with the commands of the leader, and played with excellent judgment of detail, whether it was in subordinated accompaniment to the piercing tones of the brasses, or in dainty pizzicati effects. Given a set of timpani, an oboe, and a few more reeds the result would be a real symphony orchestra of no mean ability.

Of the orchestral numbers, the overture, "The Feast of the Lanterns," by Bennett, and Piere's "March of the Tin Soldiers" were probably the best rendered as regards attack, finish, and attention to details. The overture was played with splendid variety of tonal effects, while the mechanical march of the "tin soldiers" was given with exact rhythm and clarity of phrasing. Piere is a French composer of considerable note and this number, while light and simple in style, shows acquaintance with the different characteristics of orchestral instruments, and also a healthy imagination.

Miss Willa Belle Shearer, soprano, and Miss Esther Ross, pianist, were the soloists, and they acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. Both are students in the conservatory of music and not only displayed evidence of careful and painstaking training, but showed themselves possessed of fine musical gifts and pleasing personality. Miss Shearer sang with good expression, beautiful purity of tone and clear enunciation. Her high tones are especially pleasing. Miss Ross, the pianist, came to Christian recently from Axtell, Kan., with Director H. H. Loudenback, under whom she has had her training. She won her audience by her charming manner, sincerity of purpose, and perfect poise. Her piano was played with variety of nuance

and tender melodic utterance; her Schumann's "Bird as Prophet" with delicacy of touch, and her Moszkowski etude, "Sparks," with brilliancy and fleetness of fingers, yet with perfect ease and sureness of touch.

Miss Nelle Darnell, who acted as accompanist for Miss Shearer, proved herself well-fitted for such work. She was, at all times, in sympathy with the singer, never allowing the accompaniment to become more prominent than the song.—H. H. L.

Let the Library Remain Open.

Editor of the Missouriian: Is it possible that the University authorities wish to discourage studying? For some few weeks the libraries have been closed just on such times when studying is most possible. On Friday nights there are still a few people who wish to study: On Saturday afternoon there is no form of amusement except the picture shows since the football games have ceased, therefore, why should the library be closed? On Sunday afternoon there are no legal forms of amusement. Either the authorities wish for the students to practice the illegal forms of amusement or they wish for them to keep idle on that day. It is true that we must conserve coal but it is also true that to obtain an education we must study. It is also true that we have other times that we can study but is it not also true that these times are the best in the week? Such weather as we have had lately it would not be necessary for much heat. Let us have the University open, heated or heatless.—Student.

Former Student Wed at Manhattan.
Miss Marguerite DeMoss and Arlus Vogt were married last week at Manhattan, Kan. Both are former students in the University. Mrs. Vogt is a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Mr. Vogt is now in training at Camp Funston and Mrs. Vogt is studying home economics at the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan.

Daily Food Hint

It has been said that "he who grinds a barrel of flour or makes a loaf of bread to the glory and the good of the nation, performs a duty equal in its way to that of him who goes forth to actual battle." The same may be said of the housewife of today who feeds her family palatable cornbread.

Corn Pone.

2 cups cornmeal
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup sour milk or buttermilk
1/4 teaspoon soda
1/4 cup wheat flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
Pour the water and milk over the cornmeal in a double boiler and cook a few moments, or boil the water and pour it over the cornmeal and then add the buttermilk. Sift together the flour, salt, sugar, baking powder, and soda, and add to the cornmeal when it is cool. The mixture should be just stiff enough to make into cakes or "pones." If it is stiffer than this, add a little water. Form into cakes and place in a hot, well-greased pan and bake in a hot oven until brown. The cakes should be handled lightly and not pressed down after they have been placed in the pan.

Corn Dodger.

2 cups cornmeal
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons fat
1 1/4 cups boiling water
Pour the boiling water over the other materials. Beat well. When cool, form into thin cakes and bake 30 minutes in a hot oven. Makes 14 biscuits. These make delicious little biscuits to serve with meat and vegetables.

Your \$\$\$ will roll farther at the Sunnyside Grocery. A-103-1f

To Make Plans For Red Cross Sale.

A meeting of the ways and means of the Boone County Red Cross will meet at the Commercial Club rooms at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to make final arrangements for the auction sale which is to be held February 23, to raise money to buy yarn for out-of-town knitters.

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